The Pulpit

A SUNDAY SERMON BY PROMINENT PREACHERS

Subject: Death.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Preaching at the Irving Square Presbyterian Church, Hamburg avenue and Wyckoff street, on the theme, "Death Is Not Final," Rev. Ira Wemmsil Henderson, pastor, took as his text those words which are found so frequently in the earlier part of the old Testament scriptures: "And he died." He said:

Death is a subject of which we do not like to speak. It is a subject we avoid. The most of us endeavor to forget that there is such a fact for us. Many of us live as though we had eliminated it from our lives.

It is the fashion in the church nowadays not to preach much about it with any frequency. For the people quite largely do not desire sermons on that theme. Ministers do not impress home its consideration. They do not desire to urge men to come to Christ by playing on the element of fear in their character. And scarcely enough death and fear have been correlated in our preaching.

Death used to be a forceful and popular subject for pulpit presentation. The divines of a century and more ago made their lasting reputations because of their masterly expositions of the scriptures about death.

Many a soul was swung into obedience to God by the impulse of an intense and vivid sermon on death.

However unwise it may be to lead men to God and to Christ through fear of death, it is much more unwise never to bring this fact to their attention. For the life after death is the larger part of our existence. The days that God allots to us here are but a minute fraction of the ages we shall live, if we be righteous, within His favor. This life is not all of life. Nor does death end all.

However wistful and distasteful a subject death may be to discuss, it repays investigation and consideration. We may not care to study it, but to face it, to analyze it. But we might.

For death is inevitable. It is certain that as we have come into this world we shall, in all human probability, go out of it. We cannot escape death. We cannot avoid it. We ought not to hasten it. We must give it consideration. For it is sure to come. We do not know the day or the hour. We cannot forecast the time. No man can tell the order in which we shall go hence, you and I. But the last day will dawn upon earth for each of us. We will each receive a last farewell upon our ears. The call of relentless death will ring through every soul. We may not be able to forecast death's coming, but he will arrive. We may not be able to summon the order of our going, but we shall go. For death is inevitable. His course is inescapable. He stands waiting at the termini of every life. And we should not fear if we fear God.

For death is natural. It is as natural as it is inevitable. It is as natural as birth. There is nothing unusual about it, however mysterious its processes may be. It is as natural to die as it is to live. Men talk of death as though it were a hiatus. Death is not a break. It is a method of procession. They speak of death as something that ought not to be. We shall not discuss it from that viewpoint. We assert without fear of contradiction that in the world as it is at present constituted death is a valuable agency to humanity.

For death is not final but translational. It is not a goal. It is not an incident in the life of the soul as it flies through life into eternity. Death is not ultimate. It is not terminal. Death is not an end itself. It is not the last of life though it comes at the end of this life. For death is final it is at least questionable whether it were any use to live at all. If death is absolute and ultimate, if it writes finis to the close of every man's life, then in the words of Paul, "of all men most miserable." There are no adequate reasons to be wisdom in living simply for the sake of living and then dying, with no hope of eternity, with no expectation of a life beyond, with no promise of immortality. But such a philosophy, however sound it may be for some minds, does not appeal to me. For I am persuaded that we live to some greater purpose than just to die, and that we have a greater end to forever fulfill. For, however, I am persuaded that we are more than the flower of the field or the grass thereof, which to-day is and to-morrow is consumed by the unquenchable fire. For God has written in my heart, and I hope He has in yours, a promise of immortal life and of a nobler and a fairer world. I look for a land and a life that is eternal, a heavenly country.

For, to me, death is a portal. It is a gate. It is a boon, a gift of God. It is finished up, not finished, writes "to be continued" after the last word of the last chapter of the record of every soul's daily life has been inscribed upon the pages of human history. For death is more a beginning than an ending. It is a door incidentally to enter into the undiscovered country. It affords us a vision of another world the value of which is withholden from our mortal eyes. It releases us from the encumscriptions of earth. It unlocks the mysteries of eternity. It unfolds the future existence before us. Through it we achieve a knowledge of the unknown. To those of us who have endeavored sincerely, however partially we have succeeded, to the life will of God and to submit ourselves to His divine control, death comes as a friend over whom we may rejoice. Not that we should desire to die. For this is a good life. Not that we should regret that we have days ahead that we must fill full of action and of holy living. Not that we should pray for death as a surcease from pain and from pain and from disciplines. But we welcome and expect death if we be in Christ, as a friend, because it augments our days, and expands our opportunities, and clarifies our vision, and intensifies our desire for fellowship that is good.

This death, which is inevitable and natural in the career of every man whether he be rich or poor, wise or ignorant, good or bad, may be terrible, doubtful or beautiful, according to the manner of our lives and the quality of our characters. For death cannot be bought or by choice. Neither does he pass the hovel. He is no respecter of intelligence. His hand is heavy and his arm is long to seize and to project into eternity that which is immortal in good and evil men alike. And it simply depends upon the kind of man you are whether death will be terrible, doubtful or beautiful to you.

To a bad man death must be terrible. That is to say, if he possesses the least spark of moral consciousness or instinctual susceptibility. Aye, it is terrible. And it ought to be. A bad man ought to be afraid to die. A man whose whole life has constituted God's law, whose continued and criminal effort has been to follow the lusts of his own heart and the dictates of his own will, who has sought not to please God, but to find out his own pleasure, who has constructed planned and effected overt sin, who has defied the call of conscience and defied Satan daily, ought to be afraid to die. Death ought to terrible to him. In his last hours such a man ought to have evidence that he is a man and not a beast by manifesting the fear of God to supreme providence in his mind. A man whose whole life as a consciously active moral agent has been defiantly indifferent to the stultification of the mandates of the divinity and to the exaltation of sin as a method of living ought to be anxious to reverse the call of death and the decision of fate. He ought to want another chance in this life to fit him for the next life. He would want to stop if he were not afraid to die. It would be certain of they could face eternity unabashed. Such a man's soul must be most to terrible. To go forth into the hidden unknown, to enter into the presence of eternity at enmity with God, would be more awful!

Death may be doubtful. Many men there are who, obeying the dictates of God's law, have hoped and His laws as they read them, have attained a moral eminence that is not inconsiderable; but who, withstood in the presence of the mystery of death, nevertheless confess that they await its power without fear, and without hope, in a definite spirit of inquisitiveness. There are for them no certainties of future life. They do not protest that death is necessarily awful. They simply express the opinion that, so far as they are concerned, death is a locked door, a sealed portal, a bolted, barred, impenetrable door. They declare that while there may be a life beyond the life here, no valid ground for expressed hope exists. They seem to stay their souls in the expectation of annihilation existence. They know not. Theirs is the philosophy of agnosticism. Still others deny that there is another life in another world. Theirs is the negation of atheism. We doubt if any human being ever got beyond the influence of early instruction for the first ten years of life. Such associations will produce on the minds of natures against which the victim will find it necessary to fight for all the years that remain to him.—Western Methodist.

Building of Petrified Wood.

A building at New England, Hettinger County, N. D., is made of petrified wood. The building belongs to Charles Mead, a rancher. It was constructed for a museum but is no longer used for that purpose. It has been used for a private school the past year. It stands on the edge of a bluff at the foot of which runs the Cannonball River. The various colors of the petrified wood glisten in the sunshine. The wall is left unpolished, thus exposing the natural projecting specimens of the wood that have become, through nature's mysterious influence, beautiful stones.

Here and there scattered over a wide area on the Missouri slope are groups of specimens, usually one or two agatelike in a place. But there is a field in the western part of Hettinger County where these petrifactions are thick over many acres.—Glen Ullin Correspondence Minneapolis Journal.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR SEPT. 8 BY THE REV. I. W. HENDERSON.

Subject: The Brazen Serpent, Numbers 21:4-9. Golden Text, John 3:14, 15—Memory Verse, 9—Commentary.

Doubting, faithless Israel is confounded. When the Canaanitish king hears that they are coming his way he sets forth against the Israelites and takes many of them prisoners. Having no faith in God Israel falls an easy victim to his prowess as a warrior. The calamity sends Israel back to God for consolation and for comfort. Misfortune is the dynamic that impels many a man and people Godward. A trial of her unaided and unenthused fighting ability disgusts Israel's weakness to herself. Strength is found in communion with God. Israel prays. And petition brings power. Israel's prayer is a confession and a dedication. It is a confession of human incapacity and of human reliance on God. It is a dedication of the divinely empowered military energy of Israel to the service of God. All prayer ought to have these elements. And all true prayer will effect results that are beneficial to humanity and well pleasing to God. Many a man who is battling with little success might do wonders for God if he would apply to God for strength and with childlike confidence the power of God is egoism. Selfreliance from any source is blasphemy. Recognition of God's favor is glorious. The effectiveness of such is illustrated to some measure in the first four verses in the lesson for the day.

The circumstances surrounding the raising of the brazen serpent are suggestive. Thirty-eight years have passed since the ten spies advised against doing the will of God and in obeying the call of Jehovah implicitly. Thirty-eight years of wandering in the wilderness are nearly over. Another God has cared for them all through. God has cared for them all through. And yet Israel has not gained that spiritual consciousness that she should possess. We doubt, in short, becomes beset with difficulties. And the people, discouraged with the obstacles along the way, revile against God and against Moses. Moses had labored with them and for them for nearly forty years of desert wandering. God had fed them. And yet they forgot all that. They cursed God. They cursed Moses. With Canaan just in sight they looked back through the long perspective of the years of sorrow that they had brought upon themselves, upon the leeks and the garlic and the flesh-pots of Egypt. And, as always happens, leaving their faith in God they were assailed by worse sorrows. The serpents brought havoc among them. The results of their sin brought them back to God. Repentance and a realization of the enormity of their sin. They prayed Moses for aid. And Moses prayed for them. God's patience never cut to them and the fiery serpent was given as a cure for their sin and a sign of the interest and the grace of God.

The method of salvation from the serpents' bites was simple and effective. It was worthy of cote. Out of the midst of their troubles Israel cried unto God and He heard them. And He afforded them a way of escape from their afflictions. As soon as Israel looked sincerely and humble-ness with a sense of their own sin, God answered them. Sincerity and relief was simple. They had but to look upon the brazen serpent and they were delivered. But they had to look. The salvation became effective when they accepted it. That is to say, it became active when they looked.

Not otherwise do we experience salvation in the Christian economy. Out of the depths of his sin and shame man calls upon God for aid. Christ holds Himself up as the gift of God to the age for the healing of the sins of the individual and of the nations. But the salvation does not become effective until the man looks and accepts. And it becomes effective then. The moment that man takes Christ as the active truth of God in his life and renders himself subject to the control of God as He manifests Himself in the person of Jesus Christ and mediates His truth to men by God through the person of the Holy Spirit, that moment the man is a saved man. His salvation from the penalties of sin begins. He is born anew. He is a new creature. He is a saved man. He has a call on heaven.

We are bitten with sin that is more harmful than the bite of any serpent. For the sin that we have been and the power that is able to confront God and to destroy completely our souls. But even as the serpent of brass brought life to men following precepts may be sold instead:

In selling a ton of finished beef on the hoof the farmer gets $81.44; in 17 fertility; in a ton of live hogs he sells but $6.48 in fertility; in a ton of milk he sells but $1.48 in fertility; in a ton of cheese he sells but sixty-nine cents in fertility, and in a ton of butter he sells twenty-seven cents in fertility. The best policy for the farmer to adopt is that system of corn and crop rotation which will increase not only the growing of grain, but the breeding and feeding of stock, either for sale in the form of beef or pork, or for the production, whether for milk, cheese and butter.—Professor Holden.

Growing Good Tomatoes.

Any ground that will grow potatoes is good for tomatoes. Plow the ground, harrow, and drag till it is well pulverized, but cut in rows about four feet apart and set the plants about four feet in row.

When setting, cover all the stem up to the leaves. This has a threefold purpose. It protects the plant from drouth, keeps them from breaking down during a wind and gives them more room for roots.

Cultivate as for corn or potatoes until vines cover ground and there is danger of breaking them. If vines are pruned and tied up to a stake the fruit will be larger and more uniform in size, but vines do not yield as many tomatoes as those left to spread on ground or on a rack.

We find they do splendidly and the fruit keeps clean if they are cultivated with straw after they are cultivated the last time.

If potato bugs get on vines when they are small, use paris green, but do not use it after fruit sets, as there is danger of poisoning the fruit. The best way to keep clear of bugs is to keep them killed in the potato patch —then there will be few to go to the tomatoes.

If growing for a canner, the extra fine juicy best as the vines make more fruit per plant and the canners will not pay any more for the very late ones than for those grown when tomatoes are plentiful.

Hints on Breeding Sheep.

As the result of several years of experience, the Wisconsin station publishes the following conclusion:

From the breeding records of 514 ewes at this station we conclude that, for such animals and conditions as ours, the normal period of gestation ranges from 144 to 150 days after the date of service, and that more ewes will lamb 146 days after service than at any other time.

There is no appreciable difference in the period of gestation for male and female offspring in sheep.

There is an apparent relation between the duration of the period of gestation and the period required for maturity. Quick-maturing breeds appear to carry their young for a shorter period than those breeds requiring more time to mature.

Large lambs are on the average carried in the uterus for an appreciably longer period than small or medium sized lambs.

Lambs dropped before the 144th and after the 149th day of pregnancy are lacking in strength and vitality at birth.

Shropshire ewes are more prolific than any of the other breeds and crosses, except the fourth cross of Shropshire on the Merino ewe foundation.

From the data presented it is apparent that twins are the normal increase for ewes of the mutton type.

Farm Notes.

Decaying food and stagnant water will injure the health of the cow, and the quality of the milk.

The hours of milking should be regular, and each cow should be milked in exactly the same way.

A good maxim for the farmer is "Always be on the alert for ideas that will serve to better your condition."

A surplus rooster is an expensive ornament in the poultry yard. Eat or kill the roosters unless before they eat double their value.

When cows teats are tender and they are sensitive they prove to be irritable when being milked, apply linseed oil after each milking.

A dairy cow should not be allowed to wander over a very large field, as time spent in walking about will show in a reduction in quality of milk.

Unsanitary surroundings cause more disease, puny and unhealthy birds, and more general loss in the poultry yard than all other causes combined.

We agree thoroughly with any progressive farmer that the profit on the farm that will be pleasant or entertaining to the women folk.

Fowls do not require so much care as a inexperienced person might think, but the care must be intelligent and given regularly and in a fair manner.

Some fowls are better adapted to cold than to warm weather. Corn is found on the farm of two kinds more and wheat and less corn as the weather grows warmer.

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The Farm

Scours in Pigs.

An Iowa correspondent in Wallace's Farmer says that he has found a teaspoonful of soda put in a sow's slop before feeding once a day for two or three days to be an effective cure for ordinary cases of scours in young pigs.

Value in Disposition.

Disposition is indicated very largely in the brain development, and disposition means lots of money in a horse. When I was a boy we didn't think hair as much about the disposition of a horse as we do to-day. Millionaires, people who are looking for fancy teams, are willing to pay for disposition, because they don't want to have their families, their children's lives endangered by having rattle-brained horses, and other men are looking for good dispositioned horses because they don't care to have their fine turnouts, their fancy wagons broken up because that will get rattle-brained.—George McKerrow, Madison, Wis., in The Cultivator.

Milk and Cream.

Recent investigations among the herds which supply the Pennsylvania State College creamery that discovery in a ton of clover hay he sells $8.62 in fertility; in a ton of oat straw he sells $6.62 in fertility; in a ton of corn fodder he sells $7.81 in fertility, and in a ton of wheat bran he sells $24.40 in fertility. If these products be fed on the farm under proper conditions, and the resulting manure be returned to the soil, there is a very slight loss of fertility, but by following practices may be sold instead:

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No Shop Talk.

A Washington educator is telling a story about a young medical student who is interested in insanity symptoms and is a sort of amateur alienist. The other day the student got a chance to visit one of the big asylums for the insane, and having heard that there was a "crazy" man who believed he was God he went to see him. He walked up under the hallucination that he was God to the patient and asked him to be good enough to tell him what he considered the most prominent symptom in the case under investigation. He was taken to the ward where the "crazy" man was and the following conversation ensued:

"Please, sir, are you the Deity?

Lunatic—From everlasting unto everlasting.—Well! I've been looking for you for a long time, and I want to ask you. How do you reconcile the doctrines of predestination and free agency?

The lunatic drew himself up to his full height and, with a look of fear and a sorrowful glance replied: "My dear sir, I never talk shop."—Washington Star.

College Girl Has A New Idea.

"These college girls," said a clergyman, as he gazed at the white and pink frocks. "The way, though," he adds, "are a boon to the race. They are so becoming."

"I cherished the other day the first baby of a married college girl. Babies usually cry while they are being christened; but this one was as quiet as a lamb. Throughout the ceremony it smiled up beautifully at the preacher.

"Well, madam,' said I to the young mother, after the christening, 'I must congratulate you on your little daughter. She behaved like a model more than 2,000 babies, but I never before christened one that behaved so beautifully as she.'

The young mother smiled demurely.

"No wonder he behaved well,' she said. 'He's a college girl baby, and he knows that he's got to be good.'"—Philadelphia Record.

Women And Hairpins.

"We buy hairpins by the hundredweight," said a dealer in one of the department stores, "and we sell them by the gross. Where there is only one woman in the house to be served, you may buy a package, put up in some fancy and convenient shape. But the other way is the more expensive, of course.

"Women with hairpins are very much like men with matches. Provided them as they go and never can find one when they want it. Therefore they keep them where they can make up for the unselfishness of their less careful sisters."

Had Enough Toothpicks.

A well-known sculptor tells the following story:

"Whenever I see a toothpick I think of a dinner that was given in Rome to the late Thomas Buchanan Read.

"I sat beside the younger of the noblemen. He glittered with gold embroidered clothes and wore many decorations. I pitied him sincerely. He was so bored by our table manners, and some of his were positively ludicrous and painful.

"Toward the close of the meal a servant attended to the young man a plate of destroyed it, and, leaning over, said, saying in a low and bitter whisper:

"No, thank you; I have already had enough of toothpicks for one day, and I want no more."—From Tit-Bits.

FEET OUT.

She Had Curious Habits.

When a person has to keep the feet out of doors under foot in winter because of the cold and snow, it becomes a matter of comfort, which causes the trouble.

There is no end to the nervous confusion that coffee will produce. It shows in many ways, but in nervousness in another way in another. In this way the lady lived in S. Dak. She says:

"I have had to lie awake half the night with my feet and limbs out of the bed on the coldest nights, and felt afraid to sleep for fear of catching cold. I had been troubled with sleeplessness and jerking of the limbs for a long time and at the time I have been unable to go to church to be lectured because of that awful feeling that I must get up and walk around. It was brought to my attention that coffee caused so many nervous diseases. I concluded to drop coffee and take Postum Food Coffee to see if my trouble was caused by coffee drinking.

"I left crank one cup of coffee for breakfast, but that was enough to cause my troubles to reappear. When I quit it entirely disappeared in an almost wonderful way. Now I have no more of the jerking and twitching and can sleep with any amount of feeling over me and sleep all night in sound, peaceful rest.

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The Nation's Capital

Some Interesting Happenings Briefly Told.

E. P. Holcombe, chief of a division in the General Land Office, was appointed an inspector in the office of the Secretary of the Interior for special work in the Southwest.

American capitalists are interested in the fact that Philippine woods have been found available for the manufacture of lead pencils.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, returning from the West, says the people there are prosperous and loaning money to the East.

The Bureau of Immigration is making a systematic effort to put an end to the "white slave" traffic.

The Census Bureau has prepared a bulletin showing the extent of the tobacco industry in the United States.

President Roosevelt and President Diaz have telegraphed notes to the presidents of Central American republics offering the good offices of this country and Mexico for bringing about a peace conference.

No bonds for officers of the Treasury Department will be accepted from any surety company for a sum exceeding 10 per cent. of the company's combined capital and surplus.

During the North Carolina rate hearing case Comptroller Plant, of the Southern Railway told of the improbable adverse effect of state legislation on the prosperity of the system.

President Roosevelt entertained distinguished guests at luncheon in honor of the visit of Prince Wilhelm of Sweden.

The home given Admiral Dewey by the American people has been built by Architect Mitchell, the millionaire clubman.

Acting Secretary Newberry, of the Navy, has approved Commander in the Army and Beekman Winthrop, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, agreed upon a bill for presentation to Congress increasing and equalizing the pay of officers of equal rank of the Army, Navy and revenue cutter service.

Because of the lack of room at the Naval Navy Yard the Navy Department has under consideration the establishment of a branch institution from that yard, which has been its station for the last half century, at Annapolis.

International orders have been issued by the Marine Hospital and Public Health Service with a view to stamping out the plague in San Francisco.

Persons residents and citizens of Cuba may be compelled to appear as witnesses before general courts martial, according to the new code of provincial governor of Cuba.

President Roosevelt approved Colonel Goethal's recommendations and appointments in excess of the pro rata allowed Engineers on the Panama Canal.

The State Department has determined to allow Americans to begin filing claims against Venezuela.

The State Department announced a number of changes in the consular service.

Death Of Nelson Morris.

Chicago (Special).—Nelson Morris, the millionaire packer, died at his home here last night following illness of heart disease. He expired in the old family home in Ashland Avenue, where he had lived ever since he became a business man in Chicago. He had a premonitory dread of changing his residence, and for the gratification of his children erected palaces and moved to suburbs, but remained in the old frame house.

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Offers To Send Lepers To Japan.

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HOLD CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON.

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Washington, D. C. (Special).—President Roosevelt and President Diaz simultaneously have telegraphed notes to the presidents of the five republics of Central America, offering the good offices of the United States and Mexico in bringing about a conference of the republics for a discussion of plans to maintain peace. The announcement that this action had been taken was made by acting Secretary Adee, of the State Department. It was stated, also, that the notes would not be made public here until they had been received by the Central American states, and probably not until replies had been received. The exact time of sending the notes was not made known, but it is possible that replies from some of the countries already have reached Washington.

Mr. Adee received Minister Godoy, charge d'affaires of the Mexican Embassy, and they conferred at length over the steps to be taken looking to the settlement of Central American disputes and ending the state of insecurity that has been kept by the Central American republics that has contributed to hold the conference at Washington, but Senor Creel, the Mexican minister, is authority for the statement that the conference will soon will be extended. In fact, he believes that it will be a failure in that effect.

In diplomatic circles here it is said that none of the Central American republics can afford to decline to accept the proffers of mediation made by the United States and Mexico, and that this means that permanent peace practically is assured.

BOY FALLS 400 FEET.

Youthful Aeronaut's Balloon Bursts, But Canvas Acts As Parachute.

Greenville, Ohio (Special).—Earl Bess, boy aeronaut, escaped death seemingly by a miracle, when his big Knabenshue balloon burst 400 feet in the air, and he was precipitated to the ground a mile and a half from the crowd of 15,000 Darke County Fair visitors, which witnessed the plunge. The side of the balloon ripped as it turned a somersault in the downward plunge at tremendous speed. The aeronaut contrived to twist the balloon in such shape that it formed a parachute, and he was saved from death by the slackening of the speed of his downward fall.

This was the closing event of the day. On the first descent the balloon caught in the tops of the tall grounds and it is supposed the silk was torn. It fell from a height of 400 feet in the air and a mile and a half from the fair grounds. Bess was seen to burst along one side; immediately the ship plunged downward. Bess clung to the ropes, seemingly struggling and his success in turning the balloon into a parachute.

To Race For America's Cup.

Dublin (By Cable).—Sir Thoma Lipton arrived at Queenstown on his steamship Erin. He declined to discuss the question of a challenge for the America's Cup. It is certain, however, that a challenge will further be made through the Royal Irish Yacht Club, but the committee of the club refuse to comment on the rumors current in Queenstown.

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CHANGING FASHIONS IN CHILD GAMES.

Mr. Subbubs Tries Hop Scotch and Notes a Few of the Differences.

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